

Timberbank JPS School Council

Minutes from March 3, 2014 Meeting



In attendance: Anna Epitropou (Principal), Nick Carasis (Co-Chair), Lisa Ferguson (Co-Chair and Caring & Safe Schools Rep), Lynn Greenwood, Gerald Jones, Marilyn Trenbeth (Community Representative), Zhigi Lou, Vicky Ignatiou

Executive Regrets: Mike Petkovski (Treasurer), Tilley Creary (Secretary)

Item	Discussion	Action / Responsibility
Agenda items		
Approval of minutes	Minutes from February meeting Approved.	➤ Lynn, 2 nd Lisa
Treasurer's Report	➤ School Council Budget = \$4833.95	
Principal's Report	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Principal's Report</u> <u>Mar. 3rd, 2014</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Staff changes: Ms Shevani Walia is the LTO for Mrs. Min Jeung; Mrs. Alicia Ball is returning from maternity leave – very sad to say goodbye to Ms Angela Lo2. Director Donna Quan launched the TDSB Mental Health and Well-Being Strategy: we were asked to share with our superintendent the various activities that we have in-place to address Mental Health and Well-Being e.g. PALS; leadership opportunities; Girls Club etc...information provided to all present – please check www.tdsb.on.ca for more information3. School Climate Survey will take place this year for all of our staff and our grade 4 to 6 students/parents – coming in April, details to follow4. Move-a-thon: Extremely successful and a great time was had by all. Hiring “Bounce” Entertainment was perfect because they provided a structured	

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	<p>movement program for the kids (kindergarten “moved” from 9:50-10:25; grades 1 to 3 moved from 10:30 to 11:30 am; and grades 4 to 6 moved from 12:45 to 2:15pm) – discussion and confirmed that we were not to do a family collection and that it would be divided between the siblings</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Fundraiser: Movie Night – next one: March 20th; forms going home – Monday, March 17th after the Break; Monsters U 6. February was African Heritage Month – several activities happening in each of the classrooms; Storyteller came in on February 3rd and spoke to all of the classes – read the story: <u>Henry’s Freedom Box</u> 7. Student Ambassadors and band members went to the Markham Theatre for the performance of “Shrek” – a way to thank them for their hard work this year 8. EcoTeam – Green Bin program has arrived; student reps are helping out with monitoring the green bins and making sure that the bags are emptied after each lunch hour 9. Kindergarten Registration continues – February 19th full day of registering – approx. 20 students so far; please let others who are in the area to come and register right away as our staffing is dependent on registrations; limited to optional attendance 10. Transfer/Surplus Process for Teachers has begun – we will be receiving our staff allocation after the March Break for Sept 2014; Staffing Committee will be meeting to create staffing models to be presented at the next School Council Meeting – April 7th; staffing model to be submitted to superintendent by April 15th for approval 11. In-school Speech Competition – Junior students; March 5th; 12. Lunch time activities for students: Fridays – Dance Club for grades 1 to 6; Tuesdays - Chess Club for grades 2 - 6; Houseleague PALS on Mondays for Juniors and Wednesdays for Primary students 13. Athletics: Co-ed volleyball right now; in need of a Soccer Coach; Gerry volunteered to work with our teacher, Ms Sookraj, who is the TDSB teacher rep 	
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	<p>14. School Council Funds – information sheet shared with all present on how school council can receive funds such as the Parent Outreach Grant of \$1000</p> <p>15. Two parent workshops coming up: March 5th at Brimwood – “Instilling True Self-esteem in Your Children” and March 24th at Agincourt CI – “Learn 5 Strategies to get your kids to talk” (we have 10 tickets available for the March 24th workshop – please call the office for your ticket if interested)</p> <p>16. Very Special Visitors this month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 11th – Trustee Sotiropoulos and Superintendent Chan joined us for a visit; students gave them a tour while sharing some of the great work that we have been doing and met our staff over the lunch hour February 21st – MPP Wong visited our grade 5s to thank them for visiting her at Queen’s Park in December; she also had a chance to see our kindergarten “shake and move” for their “move-a-thon” contribution <p>Upcoming Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lice Check – March 6th March 7th – PA DAY March Break – March 10th to March 14th; Back in School on March 17th Next On T.R.A.C.K assembly – Friday, March 21st AM – Green / Yellow Day On T.R.A.C.K. lunch on Tuesday, March 25th March 20th – Movie Night April 7th – next school council meeting 	
<i>Content for Newsletter</i>	<p>Agreed to Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quote from parent Call for volunteers for Movie Night Spring Fair announcement including fundraising goal (approx. estimate) and multiple ways to get involved (eg. Need sponsors, volunteers, ideas for other things they’d like to see at Spring Fair) 	<p>Lisa to send content to Anna by Thursday March 6th</p>
<i>Spring Fair</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed updated quote from Main Event. Price list looks acceptable but we may want to swap out some jumpy castles for others that were popular last year (eg. Justice League for Pirates of Caribbean, Bikini picture board for Carnival themed board) 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nick brought forward another provider for consideration. Agreed we should pursue another quote for consideration. Nick will get quote and references back to council early in the week after March Break so council can make a decision on provider by March 20th. Goal is to place our order with selected vendor by March 31st. • Agreed we should define a sponsorship model to help people ‘start the conversation’ to gain sponsors for the Spring Fair. To be developed at April meeting. • Agreed we need a central point of contact for sponsorship coordination. Person will be named as sponsorship contact, to hand out sponsorship letters and provide guidance on sponsorship ‘model’ as defined by council. Gerry Jones volunteered for this position. <p>Other Ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider thank you poster/banner to thank all sponsors in one visible place. Given cost, this may not be feasible. - Consider developing a challenge to ‘Bring a Neighbour’ to boost attendance in the community. - 	<p>Nick to send council proposal, pricing and references by March 18th</p> <p>Order placed with selected vendor by March 31st (Owner: TBD)</p>
<i>Roundtable /New Business</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agility Challenge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost to run was \$800, discussed feasibility of having parents coordinate this day to save money. • Decided that given the other priorities of the school/council and the deal we were getting with the current provider, we would not pursue this venture at this time. 	
Adjournment	Next meeting to be on Monday, April 7 th , 2014, 2013 at 6:30pm.	